

Bundy Links Johnson, Kennedy Viet Policies

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McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President on national security affairs, declared yesterday that he believed that there was a "single thread" connecting the Vietnam policies of President Johnson and the late President Kennedy.

Bundy was addressing a National Press Club luncheon prior to his scheduled departure from the White House to join the Ford Foundation in New York.

"It is right and important to see that policy as having developed through three Administrations (including Eisenhower's)," Bundy said. Commenting on a recent statement by Secretary of State Dean Rusk that it is inconceivable that the South Vietnamese people would elect a Communist government, Bundy said that he agreed.

"Our conviction is," he continued, "that the real and strong preference of the South Vietnamese is to avoid coming under Communist control . . . the difficulty which the Communists have in obtaining genuine, popular support is that their methods have been on view for a very long time."



By Joe Helberger, Staff Photographer

"EXIT"—This sign glowed in the background as McGeorge Bundy, who will leave the Federal Government at the end of the month, spoke at a National Press Club luncheon yesterday. The Special Assistant to the President said he believed

there was a "single thread" connecting the Vietnam policies of Presidents Johnson and Kennedy. "It is right and important," he added, "to see that policy as having developed through three administrations (including President Eisenhower's)."